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Southeastern Europe Regional Budget

Foreign Operations Appropriated Assistance*

Fiscal Year (FY) 2008: \$21.8 Million (M) (\$19.9M SEED, \$1.8M Other)

FY 2009 Estimate: \$30.1M (\$28.1M AEECA, \$2.0M Other)**

FY 2010 Request: \$39.2M (\$39.2M AEECA)**

Assistance Goals: The United States has a strong interest in assuring that the countries of Southeastern Europe overcome the legacy of the conflicts of the 1990s and achieve full integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions. U.S. Government (USG) regional assistance advances this goal by helping countries to work together on issues of common concern and restore links needed to make permanent the transition to democracy and market-based economies.

Areas of Focus (Foreign Operations Appropriated Assistance):

Peace and Security (PS): FY2008: \$7.8M; FY2009 Estimate: \$18.5M; FY2010 Request: \$29.9M

- Support the Bucharest-based Southeast Europe Cooperative Initiative's Regional Center for Combating Trans-border Crime ("SECI Center"), which facilitates information exchange and promotes joint operational efforts among member-states
- Provide U.S. support for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe's missions in the Balkan region

Governing Justly and Democratically (GJD): FY2008: \$7.4M; FY2009: \$5.7M; FY2010 Request: \$4.8M

- Support a joint history and reconciliation project to improve the quality of history teaching
- Strengthen the capacity and quality of independent media
- Conduct analyses which assess the capacity of local nongovernmental organizations to develop civic education, increase the transparency of national and local government, to promote human rights and respect for the rule of law and influence policy

Investing in People (IIP): FY2008: \$3.0M; FY2009 Estimate: \$2.8M; FY2010 Request: \$0.9M

- Increase private sector partnerships for improved and sustainable delivery of family planning services and products
- Support bilateral efforts to prevent the trafficking of persons through Transnational Referral Mechanism and a new study examining the relationship between domestic abuse and vulnerability to trafficking

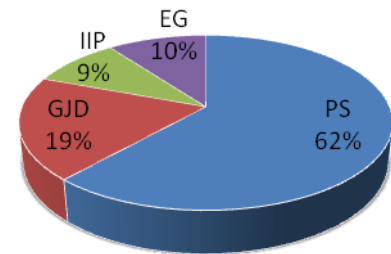
Economic Growth (EG): FY2008: \$3.7M; FY2009 Estimate: \$3.1M; FY2010 Request: \$3.6M

- Re-integrate markets in the region by reaching across borders to enhance the competitiveness of local producers and promote trade
- Promote regional financial transparency and economic integration through compliance with global financial reporting standards
- Support the Athens Energy Community and its effort to create regional electricity and gas markets integrated into the Western European energy market and sharing a sound regulatory framework

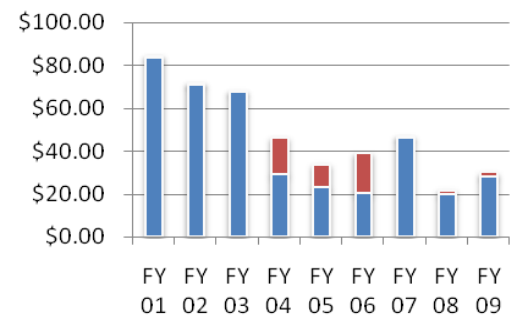
Recent Successes:

- Working through the SECI Center, dismantled a human trafficking network involving Macedonia, Serbia and Greece which primarily moved Chinese nationals to Greece
- A Development Credit Authority (DCA) facility was developed with USG funding to guarantee loans to municipalities throughout the region. This

Foreign Operations Appropriated Assistance FY 2009 by Objective**



USG Total Regional Assistance Support for Eastern European Democracy Act (SEED/AEECA) (blue); Other USG: (red); USD Millions



Regional: FY 2009 USD Thousands

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| Total Accounts | \$30,081 |
| Assistance for Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia (AEECA): | \$28,081 |
| Economic Support Fund: | \$2,000 |

For More Information:

SEED Annual Report:

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/rls/rpt/92686.htm>

NGO Sustainability:

http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe_eurasia/dem_gov/ngoindex/2006/

Nations in Transit:

http://www.freedomhouse.hu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=84

*Division J of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Act; Department of State Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008, including: SEED, CSH, NADR, International Military Education and Training (IMET) and Foreign Military Financing (FMF)

**Estimate from FY 2009 Congressional Budget Justification; Website: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/124072.pdf>



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was particularly critical since banks were reluctant to lend to municipalities which lacked experience in financial management and borrowing.